

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted this application to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I - Claims 1-18, drawn to verifying the authenticity of an asset based on the identification information from a unique identification tag, classified in class 340, subclass 5.1.

Group II - Claims 19-23 and 39-45, drawn to an identification tag and reader, classified in class 340, subclass 572.1.

Group III - Claims 24-30, drawn to an apparatus for acquiring identification from an ID tag that is associated to an asset, classified in class 340, subclass 572.1.

Group IV - Claims 31-38, drawn to determining whether a party to an agreement is complying with the agreement based on an identification tag for an asset, classified in class 340, subclass 5.1.

Group V - Claims 46-54, drawn to determining whether a party is complying with an agreement based on audit information, classified in class 340, subclass 5.1.

Group VI - Claims 55-61, drawn to remotely auditing an asset using a hash, classified in class 707, subclass E17.052

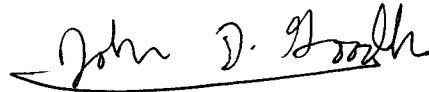
The Applicant elects Group V, claims 46-54, drawn to determining whether a party is complying with an agreement based on audit information, classified in class 340, subclass 5.1 without traverse. Therefore, claims 1-45 and 55-61 are cancelled without prejudice and Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed towards the non-elected invention.

A Petition and Fee for Extension of Time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application for one month from April 18, 2008 to May 18, 2008 was filed and paid for on April 17, 2008.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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